

MEASURE READ THE FIRST
TIME—H.R. 497

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I would inquire of the Chair if H.R. 497 has arrived from the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill is at the desk.

Mr. D'AMATO. Therefore, I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 497) to create the National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will remain on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH
7, 1996

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until the hour of 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 7, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and there then be a period for morning business until the hour of 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator FEINSTEIN, 15 minutes; Senator REID, 15 minutes; Senator DORGAN, 20 minutes; Senator BAUCUS, 10 minutes; Senator THOMAS, 30 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. D'AMATO. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will resume the pending motion to proceed to Senate Resolution 227, the Whitewater legislation. It is also possible that the Senate will begin consideration of S. 942, the small business regulatory reform bill. Rollcall votes

are therefore possible during Thursday's session of the Senate.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, before the distinguished Senator puts the proposal to recess, Senator PELL has been on the floor for quite a period of time today. We would like for him to be able to make his statement before the Senate goes out this evening.

ORDER FOR RECESS

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess following the remarks of Senator PELL and Senator MURKOWSKI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WHITEWATER

Mr. PELL. Mr. President, we should not be asked to consider this resolution. Senate Resolution 227 is, to my mind, simply a license to continue a wild goose chase, and to do so at the expenditure of public funds which could well be spent for true public needs.

When the Whitewater matter first came before us 2 years ago, I said that it involved distant dealings with marginal involvement of Federal interests, and that it simply did not rise to the level of scrutiny appropriate for Senate inquiry.

Nothing has happened since to change my initial judgment one iota. The Senate investigation has dragged on for 294 days at a cost of \$1.34 million and has not yielded a single result worthy of further action.

This investigation in my view is an exercise in political harassment. Its indefinite continuance would be an embarrassment to the Senate. And I might add that continuance of the investigation holds little promise of benefit to the majority party, given the widespread public indifference to the matter.

In short, Mr. President, we are being asked to approve not just the use of Senate funds but indeed the exploitation of the full constitutional authority of the Senate to continue a so-called inquiry into matters of little consequence, and to do so for clearly partisan purposes.

(The remarks of Mr. MURKOWSKI pertaining to the submission of Senate Concurrent Resolution 43 are printed in today's RECORD under "Submission of Concurrent and Senate Resolutions.")

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate now stands in recess until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, March 7, 1996.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:04 p.m., recessed until Thursday, March 7, 1996, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 6, 1996:

THE JUDICIARY

ERIC L. CLAY, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE U.S. CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, VICE RALPH B. GUY, JR., RETIRED.

JOSEPH F. BATAILLON, OF NEBRASKA, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA VICE LYLE E. STROM, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

HAROLD WALTER GEISEL, OF ILLINOIS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FEDERAL AND ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF THE COMOROS.

AUBREY HOOKS, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO.

ROBERT KRUEGER, OF TEXAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA.

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASSES INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

SUZANNE K. HALE, OF VIRGINIA
FRANK J. PIASON, OF NEW JERSEY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

LLOYD J. FLECK, OF TENNESSEE
JAMES D. GRUEFF, OF MARYLAND
THOMAS A. HAMBY, OF TENNESSEE
PETER O. KURZ, OF MARYLAND
KENNETH J. ROBERTS, OF MINNESOTA
ROBERT J. WICKS, OF VIRGINIA